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The sale of Verizon to the Carlyle Group will affect all telephone and ISP customers in the State of Hawaii. As both, I support the position statement of my ISP, LavaNet; that is,

The Commission should require more specific plans and commitments from the Carlyle Group to ensure the telecommunication services will remain open access, that is to say that consumers continue to enjoy options of ISPs to provide their Internet services.

The Committee should also require Carlyle Group to provide all the independent ISPs equal footing with the Group's subsidiaries.

This community deserves to have appropriate guarantees from the buyer to keep its promises (in a form of a financially significant penalty should they not deliver on the terms of the purchase) to prevent any unreasonable price hikes or service interruptions, or reduction of local jobs they initially promised.

The Committee is in the position to demand such binding guarantees from the buyer. As a customer of Verizon Hawaii, and a customer of the ISP, LavaNet in the State of Hawaii I would like to see the Committee

a) exercise its privilege to conduct due diligence on the community's behalf, and

b) build in some conditions for the transaction to ensure proper implementation of their plans moving forward (and that

we have some penalties in place should Carlyle not make good on their promises).

Regards,

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